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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED, AND HERE TRANSMIT, UKDEL'S COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, AND SUGGESTIONS ON US COUNTERPROPOSALS. THEY ARE CONFINED TO SUB-ITEMS (C), (D), (E), (G) AND (H) AND NOTE 1.UK MAY COMMENT LATER ON OTHER NOTES AFTER IT HAS COMPLETED ITS STUDY OF THEM AND US COUNTERPROPOSAL IS COMPLETE. TEXT FOLLOWS.

"(C)(2): AS ALL COMPUTERS LIKELY TO PRODUCE ANY ELECTRO-MAGNETIC RADIATION ARE DESIGNED TOPRODUCE LESS THAN THE FIGURES GIVEN IN THE APPROPRIATE SPECIFICATIONS, THIS CLAUSE WOULD EMBARGO ALL SUCH COMPUTERS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE INTENTION IS TO EMBARGO COMPUTERS WHICH HAVE HAD ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TREATMENT TO REDUCE THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC RADIATION TO MUCH LOWER LEVELS. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE CLAUSE BE MODIFIED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

'SPECIALLY DESIGNED OR MODIFIED TO LIMIT ELECTRO-MAGNETIC RADIATION TO LEVELS MUCH LESS THAN THAT REQUIRED TO MEET APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT CIVIL

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INTERFERENCE SPECIFICATIONS;'

"WE ACCEPT THAT THE CONCEPT 'MUCH LESS' IS IMPRECISE;
BUT WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY THE
LEVELS.

"(C)(4): THIS SEEMS TO EMBARGO MUCH NON-STRATEGIC
EQUIPMENT WHICH IS NOT AT PRESENT EMBARGOED, WHEREAS WE
ASSUME THAT THE INTENTION IS ONLY TO EMBARGO SPECIALIZED
DIGITAL MESSAGE SWITCHING AND SIMILAR EQUIPMENT. THE
PROPOSED WORDING WOULD SEEM TO EMBARGO MODEMS WHICH ARE
AT PRESENT CLEARLY FREED FROM EMBARGO BY IL 1519.
CONSEQUENTLY WE PUT FORWARD THE FOLLOWING VERSION OF
THIS CLAUSE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION:

'SPECIALLY DESIGNED OR MODIFIED FOR DIGITAL MESSAGE
OR DIGITAL DATA SWITCHING, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
TO, "STORE-AND-FORWARD" AND "PACKET SWITCHING"
SYSTEMS;'

"(D)(1): (C)(4) IMPLIES THAT 'FIRMWARE' MEANS MICRO-
PROGRAM CONTROL. THERE ARE HOWEVER OTHER MEANINGS.
WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE WORD SHOULD BE DEFINED.

"(D)(2) AND (3): WE THINK THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO
COMBINE THESE TWO SUB-ITEMS IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

'THE COMPUTER IS EQUIPPED WITH PERIPHERAL MEMORY
DEVICES EXCEPT THOSE FREE FROM EMBARGO UNDER NOTE 1.'

"(D)(4): THIS SEEMS TO EMBARGO DIGITAL COMPUTERS EQUIPPED
INTER ALIA WITH 'LIGHT EMITTING DIODE, LIQUID CRYSTAL
AND PLASMA DISPLAYS' BUT TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR THOSE
FREE FROM EMBARGO UNDER NOTE 1. WE HAVE TWO COMMENTS:

'(1) SINCE LIGHT EMITTING DIODE DISPLAYS ARE FREE
FROM EMBARGO UNDER NOTE 1, WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO
SAY IN (D)(4) THAT THEY ARE EMBARGOED?

'(2) WHY ARE LIQUID CRYSTAL AND PLASMA DISPLAYS
NOT EXCEPTED UNDER NOTE 1, SINCE SOME SIMPLE TYPES
ARE IN COMMON USE? WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY
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COMPUTERS SHOULD BE EMBARGOED MERELY BECAUSE THEY
HAVE SIMPLE LIQUID CRYSTAL OR PLASMA DISPLAYS.
AN EXAMPLE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE IS
AN ELECTRONIC WRISTWATCH OR CLOCK WITH A LIQUID
CRYSTAL DISPLAY CAPABLE OF COMPUTING AUTO-
MATICALLY THE TIME OF DAY, DATE AND DAY OF WEEK.
IS SUCH AN INSTRUMENT A COMPUTER? SHOULD IT BE
EMBARGOED? WE THINK AN EXCEPTION SHOULD BE MADE

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FOR SIMPLE FORMS OF LIQUID CRYSTAL AND PLASMA DISPLAYS
IN AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH IN NOTE 1, POSSIBLY BASED
ON THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF ELEMENTS IN THE DISPLAY.

"(E)(1): WE APOLOGIZE FOR RAISING THIS POINT AT SO LATE
A DATE, SINCE THE WORDING HAS BEEN IN THE ITEM FOR A
LONG TIME. THERE IS HOWEVER A DIFFICULTY IN THE WORDING:
GRAMMATICALLY SPEAKING, AN OUTPUT CANNOT BE 'ACCEPTED'.
WOULD THIS BE A GOOD MOMENT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SMALL
CORRECTION?

'ACCEPTING, STORING AND PROCESSING DATA, AND
PRODUCING AN OUTPUT IN NUMERICAL OR ALPHABETICAL
FORM;'

"(G): WE THINK WE UNDERSTAND THE INTENTION OF THIS ,
CLAUSE, BUT THERE APPEAR TO BE SOME SLIGHT TYPOGRAPHICAL
ERRORS. WE SHOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING VERSION:

'RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE ABOVE WHICH IS DESIGNED
OR MODIFIED AS DESCRIBED IN SUB-ITEMS (A) OR (C),
INCLUDING SPECIALIZED PARTS, COMPONENTS,
PERIPHERALS, DISPLAYS, SUB-ASSEMBLIES, ACCESSORIES,
SPARE PARTS AND DEVICES WHICH ARE ALSO DESCRIBED

IN ITEMS L572 AND L588;

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"(H); SIMILARLY, THE THIRD LINE OF (H) MIGHT BE AMENDED
TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

'SUBASSEMBLIES, ACCESSORIES, SPARE PARTS AND
DEVICES'.

"NOTE 1: (E) HAS THE WORD 'SPARE' BEEN LEFT OUT
BY MISTAKE? THE SUB-ITEM SHOULD PRESUMABLY FINISH
'... AND SPARE PARTS FOR THE ABOVE'."
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